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#### Via Electronic Mail and USPS First Class Mail



### Subject: Notice of Revocation of Registry Identification Card(s)

The Maine Department of Administrative & Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy (Department) is responsible for the administration and oversight of the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Program (MMCP). Protection for authorized conduct requires compliance with the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act and program rules. Pursuant to its authority under Chapter 558-C, 22 M.R.S., §2430-I. (Formerly 22 M.R.S. §2430-F), the Department revokes the following Registry Identification Card(s): **CGR32108**.

#### I. Justification for revocation:

The Department's decision to revoke your Registry Identification Card(s) is based on your violation of the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act. More specifically, the Department's MMCP field investigation staff have provided the Department with sufficient evidence to demonstrate the following statutory and regulatory violations:

- On 12-27-2023, OCP FI Fred Luce and FI Christopher Carr conducted a new registration inspection of you at your residence at 882 Hampden Road in Carmel, Maine.
- During this inspection, FI Luce found that Jian Bo Ye was inside your
  cultivation site, but he was not registered by the Office of Cannabis Policy as a
  registered identification card holder (RIC) and therefore should not have had
  access to your cannabis or your cannabis products. FI Luce explained to you
  that Jian Bo Ye could not have access to your cannabis or cannabis plants
  until he was licensed by the Office of Cannabis Policy as an RIC card holder.

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- FI Luce found that you had fifteen (15) cannabis plants inside your cultivation site. When FI Luce asked to see the receipt and trip ticket for the purchase of the plants, you advised him that you did not have a trip ticket or a receipt for them. FI Luce explained to you that you needed receipts and trip tickets for wholesale transactions. FI Luce also explained to you that you could only purchase or get your cannabis plants or seeds from either a registered Maine Caregiver or a registered Maine Dispensary.
- FI Luce found that you had not updated your telephone number with the Office of Cannabis Policy as required.
- On 02-07-2024, FI Luce and FI Christopher Carr conducted a caregiver inspection of you at 882 Hampden Road in Carmel.
- During this inspection, FI Luce once again found that Jian Bo Ye was inside your cultivation site and still was not registered with the Office of Cannabis Policy as an RIC card holder. During his interview with you and Jian Bo Ye, both of you told FI Luce that Jian Bo Ye was still assisting you with your cannabis.
- FI Luce found that you had a receipt where you had purchased five (5) clones from a place called Dirty Bird Genetics. When FI Luce asked who the caregiver was that you purchased from, you didn't know their name or their caregiver number. When further questioned, you admitted that a friend had picked them up for you. FI Luce asked to see the trip ticket and you did not have a trip ticket as required.
- FI Luce found that you had 1,120 cannabis plants and approximately 30-40 pounds of processed cannabis in your cultivation site. You admitted that all the cannabis plants, except for the five (5) clones that you had a receipt for, and the cannabis flower, you had grown in Medway, Maine at a site other than your registered cultivation location. You admitted that approximately one week ago, you brought all the plants and processed cannabis from this illicit site to
- On 02-15-2024, FI Luce and FI Carr returned to witness the destruction of the processed cannabis and the illegal plants. FI Luce and FI Carr observed as you cut down and destroyed the 1,120 illegal cannabis plants and destroyed the illegal processed cannabis.

## II. For these reasons, your eligibility to participate in the MMCP has been revoked:

- 22 M.R.S.A. § 2423-A (3)(B) Allowing unauthorized access to cultivation location.
- 22 M.R.S.A. § 2425-A (2) Expired or unregistered caregiver assistants.

- 22 M.R.S.A § 2430-G and 18-691 CMR Ch. 2 §§ 9(C)(3) & 10 (l)(4) Failure to maintain records of plant/harvested marijuana transfer and Illegal practices or unauthorized conduct, cultivating cannabis at an unregistered location.
- 18-691 CMR Ch. 2 § 10 (l)(4) Illegal practices or unauthorized conduct.
- 18-691 CMR Ch. 2 § 6(G)(2) Caregiver assistant personnel files none or inadequate.
- **18-691 CMR Ch. 2 § 7 (Q)(1)** Failure to utilize trip tickets.

# III. Registration Revocation and Right to Request an Administrative Hearing:

Pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 2430-I, the Department may suspend or revoke a registry identification card for violation of Chapter 558-C and the rules adopted by the Department. A person who has had authorization for conduct under Chapter 558-C revoked, suspended, or has been penalized due to failure to comply with Chapter 558-C and rules adopted by the Department may request an administrative hearing. If you would like to request an administrative hearing, please notify the Department in writing within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of this letter at the address information provided here. A request for an administrative hearing should be sent to Vernon Malloch, Deputy Director of Operations, by email at <a href="Vernon.Malloch@maine.gov">Vernon.Malloch@maine.gov</a> or USPS at 162 State House Station, 19 Union Street, Augusta, Maine 04333-0062. If the Department does not receive a hearing request in accordance with this letter, the administrative actions taken in this letter become final.

Sincerely,

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